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Captain Robert Frederick Karnei, Jr., MC, USN
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Dear Captain Karnei:

In November 1963, you were ordered to discuss with no one the events connected with your official duties regarding the autopsy performed on President John F. Kennedy on the evening of 22-23 November 1963.

The Select Committee on Assassinations of the U.S. House of Representatives is presently conducting an inquiry into the death of President Kennedy. You are advised that the Department of the Navy interposes no objection to you, should you wish to do so, discussing with designated members of the Select Committee's staff, matters pertaining to the autopsy of President Kennedy.

Sincerely,

W. P. ARENTZEN
Vice Admiral, MC, USN
Surgeon General